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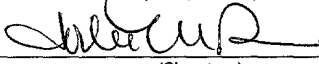
Title: DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROLLED MOVEMENT OF REAGENTS WITHOUT MEMBRANES

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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (75 pages);
- ☒ Informal drawings (18 sheets, Figures 1-16B).;
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).;

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement;
- ☒ Form PTO-1449; and
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.

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Basic Fee				\$355.00	\$355.00
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- ☐ The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
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